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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF SWAFFHAM

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER of HEALTH.

Area in acres 7,144. Census population 3,636. Density of ---- population One person to Two acres.

Gentlemen,

In making my eleventh Annual Report to your Council in compliance with the 18th Article, Section 14, of an Order issued by the Local Government Board in 1880, according to my usual custom I will first submit the record of Births - and Deaths which have occurred in the Town, Workhouse and --- Cottage Hospital.

During the year 1900 the Number of Deaths registered for the whole Town including the Workhouse and Cottage Hospital-- was 59, this calculated on the population of 3,636 will give a Death Rate of 16.3.

One death has been recorded from the seven principal -- Zymotic diseases viz:- A case of Typhoid Fever which was ---- imported from Norwich, and every care in Sanitary precaution was taken and no further cases occurred.

With reference to sex 27 Males and 32 Females died ---- including the Workhouse and Cottage Hospital.

The Births numbered 81, including 9 born in the Workhouse this giving a Birth rate of 22.9 per thousand of the population

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of the whole Town of these 42 were Boys and 39 Girls.

The Deaths of Children under One Year numbered 9, giving a -- death rate of 2.7, calculated on the Number born during the year.

The following Tables Classifies the ages at which Deaths --- occurred in the whole Town.

Deaths under 1 year, ----------	9
1 year and under 5 years, ----------	0
5 years and under 15 years, ----------	2
15 years and under 25 years, ----------	7
25 years and under 65 years, ----------	13
65 years and upwards, ----------	28
	59

The grouping into ages is in conformity with the ages fixed by the Local Government Board and accompanies this Report.

NOTIFICATION ACT adopted in 1889.

During the year 15 Cases of Contagious diseases have been -- reported to me viz:-

Scarlet Fever 8. Typhoid Fever 6. Erysipelas 1. TOTAL 15.

All of these cases were visited by me and the Inspector and the necessary instructions given, so as to prevent the further - spread of the Diseases, which in all cases had the desired effect.

Water. The Water supplied to the Town has been good both in quantity and quality.

Isolation. It is necessary to prevent spread of the Zymotic Cases that there should be an Isolation Hospital in the Town.

REPORT of the INSPECTOR of NUISANCES.

Scavenging

At the commencement of April 1900, the Council made a move in the right direction by abolishing the old system of Scavenging by Contract, and undertaking the work by means of their own men and plant.

This departure has proved very satisfactory and complaints ~~xx~~ have been most marked by their absence.

During the month of March 1900, a record was taken of all -- receptacles for foecal matter, and house refuse, within the ---- Scavenging area of the District with the following results.

List of Receptacles.

No of Houses	W. C's.	Privy Pails	Privy Bins	Privy Vaults	Ashbins	Dustholes
806	233	387	64	221	101	202

Privies. Three foul and offensive privy-vaults have been demolished and One privy-vault, and seven pail-Closets have been constructed.

Drains. Three foul and offensive drains have been reconstructed.

Do. Five New Drains have been laid and connected to the Public -- Sewer.

Premises fumicated. Nine premises have been fumigated after Infectious Disease.

Water Analysed. One sample of Water has been Analysed.

Eaves, Gutters. Twenty five Houses have had Eaves, Gutters fixed.

Brides Pit. The Brides Pit has been partly cleaned out to facilitate Bathing.

Gentlemen,

I remain,

Yours Obediently,

A. W. Thomas
L.R.C.P. L.R.C.S. L.M. Edin.

Medical Officer of Health

Urban District Council of Swaffham.

2nd April, 1901.

TABLE IV.

Swaffham District.

Causes of, and Ages at, Death during Year 1900.

Causes of Death.	Deaths in whole District at subjoined Ages.							Deaths in Localities (at all Ages).							Deaths in Public Institutions.
	All ages.	Under 1.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65.	65 and upwards.								
Small-pox															
Measles															
Scarlet fever															
Whooping-cough ...															
Diphtheria and membranous croup.															
Croup															
Fever: Typhus ...															
Fever: Enteric ...	1				1										
Fever: Other continued															
Epidemic influenza ...															
Cholera															
Plague															
Diarrhœa. (*See* notes at back.)															
Enteritis. (*See* notes at back.)															
Puerperal fever ...															
Erysipelas															
Other septic diseases ...															
Phthisis	6			1	2	2	1								
Other tubercular diseases.															
Cancer, malignant disease.	3				1	1	1								
Bronchitis	3	1													
Pneumonia	4	1				2	1								
Pleurisy															
Other diseases of Respiratory organs.															
Alcoholism / Cirrhosis of liver ...															
Venereal diseases ...															
Premature birth ...	1	1													
Diseases and accidents of parturition.															
Heart diseases ...	9					4	5								
Accidents															
Suicides	1					1									
.....															
.....															
.....															
.....															
.....															
.....															
All other causes ...	~~28~~	6		1	3	3	14								2
All causes	59	9	1	12	~~6~~ 9	13	~~22~~ 23								

See notes at back.

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NOTES.—(*a*) The deaths of residents occurring beyond the limits of the district are to be included in this table, and deaths of non-residents occurring in the district are to be excluded. *See* note on Table I. as to meaning of "Residents" and Non-residents."

(*b*) Deaths of residents occurring in public institutions are to be allotted to the respective localities according to the addresses of the deceased as given by the Registrars, and, in addition, to be classified under "Public Institutions."

(*c*) Under the heading of "Diarrhœa" are to be included deaths certified as from diarrhœa, alone or in combination with some other cause of ill-defined nature; and also deaths certified as from

Epidemic enteritis;
Zymotic enteritis;
Epidemic diarrhœa. Summer diarrhœa;
Dysentery and dysenteric diarrhœa;
Choleraic diarrhœa, cholera, cholera nostras (in the absence of Asiatic cholera).

Under the heading of "Enteritis" are to be included those certified as from Gastro-enteritis, Muco-enteritis and Gastric catarrh, unless from information obtained by enquiry from the certifying practitioner or otherwise, the Medical Officer of Health should have reason for including such deaths, especially those of infants, under the specific term "Diarrhœa."

Deaths from diarrhœa secondary to some other well-defined disease should be included under the latter.

In recording the facts under the various headings of Tables I., II., III. and IV., attention has been given to the notes on the Tables.

A. K. Thomas *Medical Officer of Health.*

Date 1st April 1901.

TABLE II.

Name of District Swaffham.

Names of Localities.	1. Swaffham Urban District Council.				2.				3.				4.				5.				6.				7.			
Year.	Population estimated to middle of each Year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population estimated to middle of each Year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population estimated to middle of each Year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.	Population estimated to middle of each year.	Births registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under 1 year.
	a.	*b.*	*c.*	*d.*	*a.*	*b.*	*c.*	*d.*	*a.*	*b.*	*c.*	*d.*	*a.*	*b.*	*c.*	*d.*	*a.*	*b.*	*c.*	*d.*	*a.*	*b.*	*c.*	*d.*	*a.*	*b.*	*c.*	*d.*
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1899 ...																												
Averages of Years 189 to 1899.																												
1900 ...	3636.	81.	59.	9.																								

NOTES.—(*a*) The separate localities adopted for this table should be areas of which the populations are obtainable from the census returns, such as wards, parishes or groups of parishes, or registration sub-districts. Block 1 may, if desired, be used for the whole district : and blocks 2, 3, &c., for the several localities. In small districts without recognised divisions of known population this Table need not be filled up.

(*b*) Deaths of residents occurring beyond the district are to be included in sub-columns *c* of this table, and those of non-residents registered in the district excluded. (See note on Table I. as to meaning of terms "resident" and "non-resident.")

(*c*) Deaths of residents occurring in public institutions are to be allotted to the respective localities, according to addresses of the deceased.

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TABLE III.

[*See Instructions on page 3 of Memorandum as to Reports of Medical Officers of Health.*]

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the Year 19 . Swaffham District.

Notifiable Disease.	Cases notified in Whole District.							Total Cases notified in each Locality.							No. of Cases removed to Hospital from each Locality.						
	At all Ages.	At Ages†—Years.						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Under 1.	1 to 5.	5 to 15.	15 to 25.	25 to 65.	65 and upwards.														
Small-pox																					
Cholera																					
Diphtheria																					
Membranous croup ...																					
Erysipelas	1																				
Scarlet fever	8.																				
Typhus fever																					
Enteric fever	6.																				
Relapsing fever ...																					
Continued fever ..																					
Puerperal fever ...																					
Plague																					
*																					
Totals	15.																				

NOTES.—The localities adopted for this table should be the same as those in Tables II. and IV.

State the name of the isolation hospital, if any, used by the sick of the district. Mark (H) the locality in which it is situated, or if not within the district, state where it is situated, and in what district.

* This space may be used for record of other disease the notification (compulsory or voluntary) of which is in force in the district.

† These age columns for notifications should be filled up in all cases where the Medical Officer of Health, by inquiry or otherwise, has obtained the necessary information.

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